

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Under this heading, as occasion arises, the Bulletins issued by this Department will contain, as an appendix, such comment as may seem necessary or advisable upon matters relating to the work of the Department in connection with the administration of the Adulteration Act, the Fertilizers Act, the Feeding Stuffs Act or the Proprietary Medicines Act.

It frequently happens that correspondents ask information regarding the above Acts, of such a nature that the matter in question possesses general interest, and comment upon it would prove acceptable and useful to others than the immediate questioner. In such cases the reply may find a place in these columns. For convenience of reference these notes will be numbered in series.

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NOTE 14.—Determination of Vital Weed Seeds as required by Order 17 of Order in Council, Dec. 3rd, 1917, is to be made as follows:—

From a fair sample of at least one pound, there is to be weighed out, after thoroughly mixing the whole, two portions of one ounce each.

In each of these portions careful inspection is to be made under a lens of low power, and the unground seeds are to be separated, identified, and counted.

The sum of those seeds which fall into the class of noxious weed seeds is to be multiplied by 8; and the product is the number of such seeds per pound of the sample.

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